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DYES ONLY FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: TERMINATION OF USDEFREP - IRAN

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1. CAN, OF COURSE, APPRECIATE LOGIC OF POINTS SET FORTH IN
PARA 2 REFTEL. VERY FRANKLY, HOWEVER, VON MARBOD IS PACKED
AND READY TO LEAVE AND FEELS THAT REQUEST TO STAY ON FOR SOME
TIME IS UNREASONABLE IN LIGHT OF WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED. FURTHER,
IT IS CLEAR HE WANTS TO GET ON THE GROUND IN WASHINGTON SO THAT
HE CAN MANEUVER IN THE CONTEXT OF ONGOING JOB POSSIBILITIES.
NEITHER MIKLOS NOR I THINKS THAT HE WOULD BE MUCH USE GIVEN
THIS FRAME OF MIND AND THAT IT IS BEST THAT HE BE PERMITTED TO
LEAVE AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS PRE-
CLUDES PO-ESTABLISHMENT OF DEFREP OFFICE IN IRAN IF NEW ADMINISTRA-
TION AND NEW AMBASSADOR CONCLUDE THIS DESIRABLE.

2. ON GENERAL SUBJECT OF HELP FOR MIKLOS PENDING ARRIVAL
OF NEW ABMBASSADOR, I MIGHT SUGGEST THAT MAAG CHEIF AND HIS
PRINCIPAL DEPUTIES STAY CLOSER TO TEHRAN. MILES IS ON THE
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VERGE OF DEPARTING ON HIS TENTH TRIP OUT OF THE COUNTRY
SINCE ARRIVING IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR. WHILE THIS PARTICULAR
TRIP MAY INDEED BE IMPORTANT AND DESIRABLE, IT IS NEVERTHE-
LESS ILLUSTRATIVE OF NUMEROUS REQUIRESTS THAT HAVE BEEN
MADE BY DOD AND/OR CINCEUR THAT HE LEAVE HIS POST FOR CON-
SULTATION IN WASHINGTON OR EUROPE. I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST

YOU MAKE THIS POINT IN DISCUSSION THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH
MCAULIFFE AND WHOMEVR ELSE YOU THINK APPROPRIATE.
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